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FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Judy Poe

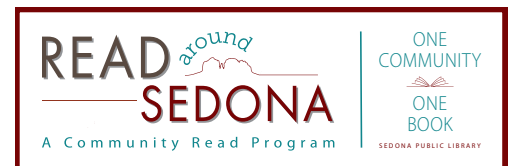
April is an exciting month at Sedona Public Library, as we are highlighting two national celebrations—Poetry Month and Earth Month—as well as hosting our fourth annual Read Around Sedona program and continuing our environmental author series “Our Earth, Our Habitat, Our Home.”

Most importantly, in April we celebrate our second annual **Library Giving Day**. Last year, our supporters contributed \$20,000 towards a matching gift of \$20,000, and we are hoping this year’s matching gift of **\$30,000** will help us exceed last year’s total. **When you make a gift to the Library from now through April 23, your dollars will be matched!** Please help us reach and exceed our goal!

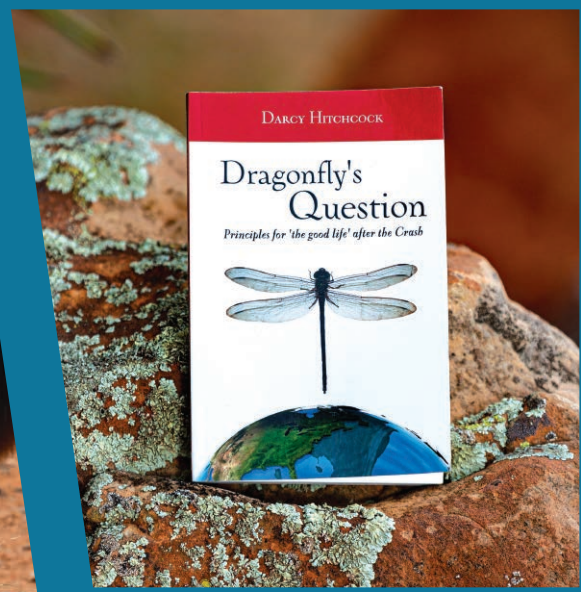
As the Library’s assistant director, one of my many goals is to get to know our patrons and visitors better. After my first year, I am getting to know the community, and the Library, and I’m loving both. But I want to know more. What are we doing right? What can we do better? How do you use the Library? How did you learn about us? We are on a path of improvement, and your input is vital!

During February’s Love Your Library Month, we learned that our users love our books, DVDs, computers, programs, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks, and streaming movies. And that they love our majestic building and our friendly, knowledgeable librarians and volunteers. What else would you like us to offer? Please come in and say hello! Let’s chat!

Sincerely,
Judy Poe



Staff members and favorite books, left to right: Karen Greenwood and *The New Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day* by Jeff Hertzberg, M.D. and Zoe Francois; Judy Poe and *Contents May Have Shifted* by Pam Houston; Ginny Volkman and *The Amazing Kolb Brothers of Grand Canyon* by Roger Naylor; Kay Bork and *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver; Marisol Molina and *The Punishment She Deserves* by Elizabeth George; Mary Edgerton and *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova; Maria Bernardi and *Buen Día, Buenas Noches* by Lin-Manuel Miranda; Dorothy Englund and *Lethal White* by Robert Galbraith; Katherine Merlino and *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield; Cindy Montgomery and *Hi, Konnichiwa* by Yayoi Kusama; Pam Logsdon and *Girls Like Us* by Sheila Weller; Stacie Rivera and *Bossypants* by Tina Fey; Anne Marie Mackler and *Falling Up* by Shel Silverstein; Meghan Gula and *Lust for Life* by Irving Stone. (Staff not pictured: Cheryl Yeatts, Marie Olivarez, Andrea Lhotka, Karen Mack, Elizabeth Cate, John Schaefer, Marcia Hansen, Marcy Young, Annette Foldes, Jim Sheridan, Melanie Bullock, and Brady Olds).



COVER STORY

ENVISIONING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WITH READ AROUND SEDONA

It's our fourth Read Around Sedona initiative, and we're excited to feature *Dragonfly's Question* by local sustainability leader, volunteer, and author Darcy Hitchcock.

The Library's community-read initiative brings people together to read and discuss one book. Hitchcock's novella is a perfect choice for this goal and for Earth Month, as *Dragonfly's Question* is designed for discussions on sustainability.

The novella tells the story of a father and daughter who have opposing views on sustainable living (see book review). A discussion guide follows the narrative, and considering Hitchcock's lifelong work to build community through conversation, this makes sense.

Hitchcock said she would love to discuss which ideas in the book spark the imagination of others and what improvements we all might consider for our own community.

The author of 10 nonfiction books on sustainability, Hitchcock enjoyed writing *Dragonfly's Question*, her first work of fiction. "The muse hijacked me to write this novella," she said. "It was so much fun. It just flowed, as if the book wrote itself!"

Hitchcock is co-founder of Sedona's Sustainability Alliance and the International Society of Sustainability Professionals.

Among her other community endeavors, twice a week she cares for Sage, a blind mini-horse rescued by Double H Equine Foundation and Sanctuary.

Hitchcock reads from her book on Tuesday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the community room at the Library, and the discussion that follows promises to be informative and heartfelt, focusing on the story, the issues, and how literature can be pivotal in community change.

Check out a copy of *Dragonfly's Question* now so you're ready for the discussion. A book signing will follow the reading, and the book will be available for purchase.

Read Around Sedona also includes an Earth Day trifecta from the Master Gardeners of University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Yavapai County. Presentations include "Controlling Invasive Weeds in the Verde Valley Area," "Native Flora and Fauna of Verde Valley," and "The Beauty of English Gardens." Master Gardeners will have a table in the Library where they will be available to answer questions and provide reference materials. See **Mark Your Calendar** on page 7 for details.

DRAGONFLY'S QUESTION: A BALANCED AND PROVOCATIVE NOVELLA

by Kay Bork, Reference Assistant

Sustainability is a term that we often hear, yet I've never been quite sure what it means. Yes, in our household we are conscientious recyclers, but what else should we be doing? Darcy Hitchcock's novella, *Dragonfly's Question*, clarifies what is needed for us to create a sustainable environment.

Happily, the book is not preachy, and the conflict between sustainability advocate Tess, who lives in a progressive community in Portland, and her skeptical investment-banker father, allows both characters to present their viewpoints. Tess discusses ways to capture water and how to create a vehicle-sharing program; equally importantly, she emphasizes the need for creating community.

At the end of the book, her father may not be totally converted, but he understands the appeal of Tess's lifestyle and why it is better for the planet than his own. Some of the ideas presented might be challenging to implement in Sedona, but all are thought-provoking and worthy of discussion.

Library Giving Day – April 23!

DOUBLE YOUR INVESTMENT WITH OUR MATCHING GIFT!

Library Giving Day is Thursday, April 23, and for the second year in a row we are participating in this national day of giving just for libraries. Join us for a day of festivities and fun as we celebrate another matching gift opportunity!

Thanks to Gordon Reiter, from the Village of Oak Creek, and an anonymous donor, your gifts for Library Giving Day will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$30,000. Reiter is a retired pharmacist and active philanthropist. He appreciates the services the Library offers and the broad impact the Library has on the entire community. He affirms, "I am so glad to help with anything that makes the community better."

And with your support, we do make the community better! Your gifts, matched for Library Giving Day, will help guarantee the broad range of programs and services you've come to rely on, as well as to maintain our robust collection and provide meeting rooms and space for everyone.

To celebrate Library Giving Day, and because it's National Poetry Month, we have a lively day of pop-up poetry planned. Local poets **Mary Heyborne** and **Christopher Fox Graham**, as well as local students, will join staff, board members, and volunteers for a day of refreshments, treats, poetry, and giving!

Come join the fun, read a poem, and make a gift! Celebrate and support your public library. Now through April 23, your gift will be matched, dollar for dollar—just indicate that your gift is for Library Giving Day. Please use the form on page 8 or visit sedonapubliclibrary.org/donate.



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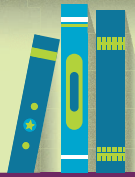


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YOUTH SERVICES

LET'S VISIT YOUTH SERVICES

First, meet the crew! There's Marcia, Meghan, Annette, and Karen. Who's who? See if you can make a match. We have one crew member who spends her free days downhill skiing. We have another who has planted many thousands of trees. Then there is the twin who plays a concertina. And finally, we have an on-camera news reporter from New York! Visit the children's room and strike up a conversation; we'd love to meet you! We're all about communication: connecting and learning and building a comfortable, caring community for our youngsters.

When you visit the children's room, you'll notice that it is thoughtfully designed to encourage the intellectual, social, and emotional growth of infants, preteens, and caregivers. We display nearly 21,000 books and media items ready for children of all ages and parents to browse and borrow—up to 50 items on your free library card at one time.

Also in the children's room, a myriad of educational activities await you in the "Cupboard" where you'll find science kits, tech toys, board games, and puzzles. With a soft, safe baby zone and comfy seating, a mini-house and train table, and a dress-up and drawing center, learning happens all day long.

The teen area, next to our outdoor courtyard, is well-loved. With high top tables, a comfy love seat, floor cushions, and, of course, the Library's Wi-Fi and computer access, we've created a perfect nook, just for teens. Additionally, the teen's collection includes many of this year's award-winning titles, many available in book, ebook, and audio format.

Our program list is extensive with our annual Summer Reading Program kicking off on Saturday, May 30, at 11 a.m. Let's meet soon!



We invite you to the Sedona Library for free programs put on by Chamber Music Sedona. Check our website for the dates and times.

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Chamber Music Sedona's mission "...is to enrich the culture of Sedona, the Verde Valley and Northern Arizona by presenting outstanding classical music performed by the world's finest musicians and to promote a love of the performing arts through music education programs."



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



POETRY & PROSE PROJECT AT THE LIBRARY

Sedona Public Library is pleased to partner with Gary Every and Poetry & Prose, formerly known as Pumphouse Poetry & Prose. Welcome lovers of poetry, writing, and music to this “new” program!

Previously held at Sedona’s historic Pumphouse, Poetry & Prose events now take place at the Library on the last Friday of the month. Poetry & Prose shows are well-loved gatherings where people listen to local, regional, and statewide writers and musicians, share new ideas, visit old friends, and make new ones.

The April show is always a highlight of the year, and certainly one of the most energetic: a classic poetry revue where performers pick favorite

classic poems to read. We’ll hear works from a variety of voices, including familiar poets like Emily Dickinson, Pablo Neruda, Anne Sexton, or Walt Whitman. There are always poets you haven’t heard in a while, or maybe never heard, and they’re chosen by the line-up of great performers. Join us on Friday, April 24, at 5 p.m. in the community room for this *classic* event.

See you there, and remember to always check our calendar at sedonalibrary.org for future Poetry & Prose events.

✿ IN MAY, JOIN US FOR TUCSON POET *Jefferson Carter*

OUR Earth Habitat Home Continues This Spring

The Library’s “Our Earth, Our Habitat, Our Home” speaker series continues this spring with poet **Sherwin Bitsui on April 8** and essayist **Nicole Walker on May 13**. We are happy to conclude this yearlong program with two fabulous voices from Flagstaff.

Steeped in Native American culture, mythology, and history, Sherwin Bitsui’s poems reveal the

tensions in the intersection of Native American and contemporary

urban culture. As an eco-poet, Bitsui creates poems that are imagistic, surreal, and rich with details of the landscape of the Southwest. His visit is the perfect event for April, when we celebrate Earth Month and Poetry Month.

Bitsui is the author of three collections: *Dissolve*, *Flood Song*, and *Shapeshift*. Originally from White Cone, Arizona, on the Navajo Reservation, Sherwin Bitsui is Diné of the Todich’ii’nii (Bitter Water Clan), born for the Tliziłaaní (Many Goats Clan).

Please join us for an evening with this talented and compelling Arizona poet who will read and discuss his work and sign books on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the community room.

Our final speaker, Nicole Walker, is looking forward to coming down the mountain from Flagstaff to share some of her most recent writing. In her work, Walker brings up a myriad of concerns, from global climate change to local

issues. She believes Sedona provides an audience ready to listen to the questions and answers she poses in her work, and we couldn’t agree more.

Walker explains, “In these times of divisiveness, talking about how climate change affects us personally seems to bridge divides. Sedonans are deeply connected to people and place—they’re already on the bridge with me.”

Walker is the author of *Sustainability: A Love Story*, *The After-Normal*, and many other works. She is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, was named a notable essayist in *The Best American Essays* in 2008, 2014, 2015, and 2016, and was a nonfiction winner of Best of the Net in 2013 and 2014. She is an Associate Professor at Northern Arizona University.

Please join us for a reading, discussion, and book signing with this funny and thought-provoking author on May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the community room.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

Poetry Reading. Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., community room. Attend a reading by Sherwin Bitsui, award-winning Native American eco-poet.

Photography Presentation. Tuesday, April 21, 1 to 2:30 p.m., community room. Serge J-F. Levy will present a slideshow of his award-winning photographs.

American Creed Community Conversations. Tuesday, April 21, 6 to 7:15 p.m., fireplace area. Stimulating, theme-centered discussions regarding unifying American values. Happening monthly through June.

Read Around Sedona Earth Day Event. Wednesday, April 22, community room. Join us for a day of programs about gardening, presented by Master Gardeners:

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Information table with Master Gardeners available to answer questions and provide gardening reference material to take home.

11 a.m. to noon: "Controlling Invasive Weeds in the Verde Valley Area," by Jennifer Moreland.

1 to 2 p.m.: "Native Flora and Fauna of Verde Valley," by Janie Agyagos.

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.: "The Beauty of English Gardens," by Carol Keefer.

Library Giving Day. Thursday, April 23. A day of pop-up poetry, refreshments, and fun celebrating Library Giving Day.

Read Around Sedona Author Event. Tuesday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon, community room. Darcy Hitchcock will read from her book *Dragonfly's Question*, this year's Read Around Sedona selection. Discussion, refreshments and book signing to follow.

MAY

Piano Recital. Sunday, May 3, 3 to 4:30 p.m., community room. Chamber Music Sedona and the Library present a piano recital by David Leman.

Picturing Arizona: Celebrating Early Arizona Women Artists, Writers, Photographers, and Songsters. Tuesday, May 5, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Church of the Nazarene. Presented by Jan Cleere.

Author Talk. Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., community room. Flagstaff author Nicole Walker will speak about her book *Sustainability: A Love Story*.

Summer Reading Kick-Off. Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m. to noon, community room. Our summer theme is "Imagine Your Story." This event will kick off eight weeks of reading and activities for youth!

JUNE

Fun with Math and Science! Youth Program: Fridays in June, community room. Join us as we explore math and science concepts with preschoolers and parents in an interactive, playful way. Preregistration required.

JULY

Fantasy in Motion! Youth Program: Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Enjoy a family-friendly version of Shakespeare's magical tale *The Tempest*, performed by award-winning movement artist Peter Davison.

Sedona Railroaders Display. July 27 through August 1. Popular with railroading enthusiasts of all ages, the display features several layouts running different scale trains.

RECURRING EVENTS

Check our online or printed events calendar for more details about these regularly scheduled programs:

MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE
Mondays at 6 p.m.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH
Mondays at 5 p.m.

FICTION BOOK CLUB
Second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB
Fourth Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m.

REEL LIFE DOCUMENTARY
Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

STORY TIME
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.;
Saturdays at 11 a.m.

CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH
First and third Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE CLASS
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

COFFEE WITH A VETERAN
Second Friday of the month at 10 a.m.

POETRY & PROSE
Last Friday of the month at 5 p.m.



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